

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-15 and 18-22 remain pending in the application.

**Allowed of Claims 13, 14, 20 and 21**

The Applicants thank the Examiner for the indicating that claims 13, 14, 20 and 21 are allowed.

**Claims 1-7, 9-12, 15, 18, 19 and 22 over Nabkel; and claim 8 over Nabkel in view of Oberlander**

In the Office Action, claims 1-7, 9-12, 15 and 22 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as allegedly being anticipated by U.S. Pat. No. 5,963,626 to Nabkel ("Nabkel"); and claim 8 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being obvious over Nabkel in view of U.S. Pat. No. 5,825,865 to Oberlander et al. ("Oberlander"). The Applicants respectfully traverse the rejections.

Claims 1-12, 15, 18, 19 and 22 are amended herein to recite that the securing is performed before the voice message is fully recorded.

In explaining the reasons that claims 13, 14, 20 and 21 are allowed, the Examiner indicated that the "current invention recites a limitation of securing a voice message before or during recording." (Office Action at 7) The Examiner goes on to agree that "Nabkel teaches securing a voice message only after the voice message is recorded." (Id)


Claims 1-12, 15, 18, 19 and 22 are amended herein to require that the securing is performed before the voice message is fully recorded. As agreed by the Examiner, Nabkel fails to disclose, teach or suggest securing a voice message in any way other than only after the voice message is recorded.

For these and other reasons, claims 1-12, 15, 18, 19 and 22 are patentable over the prior art of record. It is therefore respectfully requested that the rejections be withdrawn.

**Conclusion**

All objections and rejections having been addressed, it is respectfully submitted that the subject application is in condition for allowance and a Notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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